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SUBJ: NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR MANO RIVER UNION

1. THE NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MANO RIVER UNION, LIBERIAN EARNEST EASTMAN, ARRIVED IN FREETOWN NOVEMBER 4. EASTMAN, FORMERLY UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE IN LIBERIA, AS WELL AS LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN EAST AFRICA, CAME FROM HIS LAST POST AS LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN THE FAR EAST, RESIDENT IN TOKYO.

2. EASTMAN, WHOM I HAD PREVIOUSLY KNOWN IN LIBERIA, CONFIRMED FREETOWN TALK THAT THE FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION, DR. CYRIL BRIGHT, HAD BECOME PERSONA NON GRATA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE. EASTMAN SAID HE HAD EXPECTED TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POST EARLY IN 1978 BUT THAT DURING PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S VISIT TO FREETOWN ON OCTOBER 17 FOR A MEETING OF THE MANO RIVER UNION HEADS OF STATE, PRESIDENT STEVENS MADE IT CLEAR THAT BRIGHT MUST DEPART AT ONCE. EASTMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH BRIGHT IS BRIGHT, HE HAD SIMPLY STEPPED ON TOO MANY
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TOES IN SIERRA LEONE. HE SAID HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN GIVEN ONLY TEN DAYS NOTICE BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO QUIT TOKYO AND TO ARRIVE IN FREETOWN. I NOTED THAT WITH HIS DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE, HE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING THAN BRIGHT. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAS MUCH TO LEARN BUT THAT HE HOPES TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SIERRA LEONE. I BELIEVE THAT HE WILL BE.
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